(b) the number of sub-centres functioning all over the country, State-wise;

(c) the number of family bureau/centres in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether any proposal to close down any family welfare centre, sub-centre, district family welfare centre, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) what are the reasons behind this decision;

(f) whether any study has been conducted to find out impact of the decision on the national economy in the long run; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) A statement is annexed (*See* below).

(d) No Sir.

(e) to (g) Does not arise.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of RFW-Cs	No. of Sub-Centres	No. of City/ Distt. FW Bureau
1.	Andhra Pradesh	420	7894	22
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	..	178	4
3.	Assam	146	5110	1
4.	Bihar	587	14799	31
5.	Goa	13	173	..
6.	Gujarat	251	7284	19
7.	Haryana	89	2299	12
8.	Himachal Pradesh	77	1851	10
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	82	1780	8
10.	Karnataka	269	7793	20
11.	Kerala	163	5094	14
12.	Madhya Pradesh	460	11910	46
13.	Maharashtra	428	9377	37
14.	Manipur	31	420	8
15.	Meghalaya	23	296	5
16.	Mizoram	14	244	1
17.	Nagaland	7	201	3
18.	Orissa	314	5426	13
19.	Punjab	129	2964	12
20.	Rajasthan	232	8096	28
21.	Sikkim	15	142	1
22.	Tamil Nadu	383	8681	22
23.	Tripura	35	534	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	907	20153	60
25.	West Bengal	335	8126	18
26.	A & N Islands	..	96	1
27.	Chandigarh	1	12	1
28.	D & N Haveli	2	34	..
29.	Daman & Diu	2	19	1
30.	Delhi	8	42	..
31.	Lakshadweep	..	14	..
32.	Pondicherry	12	76	..
33.	Central Sector	..	..	..
	TOTAL :	5435	131118	416

Increase in Stipend to Assistant Ambulance Officers

2822. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assistant Ambulance Officers of Second Batch of Centralised accident Trauma service run by Delhi Administration are being paid rupees 1000 as stipend for last three years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these officers have been assured that after two years they will be given regular scale and pay; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not giving the regular scale of pay to these officers?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) It has been reported by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that offer of appointment to the second batch of Assistant Junior Ambulance Officers was made on 22-6-92 and as per the terms of appointment they are to be paid stipend at the rate of Rs. 1,000 for six months from the date of joining. Since all the officers have completed six months, they have become entitled for

regular appointment subject to their work and conduct being found satisfactory.

HIV Patients Respond Positively to Ayurveda

2823. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated June 19, 1993 stating that 'HIV patients respond positively to Ayurveda';

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up this therapy for evaluation by researchers in Governmental institutes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the suggestion of the Government, the Indian Council of Medical Reserach has constituted a Committee of Experts to examine the claims received from practitioners of different system of medicine, including Ayurveda. A protocol is being prepared to conduct clinical trial of relevant indigenous medicines for the treatment of HIV infection in a systematic and scientific manner.

Urban Health Project in Delhi

2824. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a multi-crore Urban Health Project offered by the World Bank in 1987-88 for the capital could not be fully utilised by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No such project was opened by the World Bank for Delhi in 1987-88.

However, in 1992, a Rs. 35 crores Project to improve the health and family welfare status of 12.5 lakh unban slum dwellers of Delhi was negotiated with the World Bank and approved for implementation by Government during the current financial year.

Water-borne diseases in Delhi

2825. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a danger of water-borne diseases afflicting the people in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what preventive steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Though isolated cases of water-borne diseases have been reported from various parts of the city, there is no imminent threat of an outbreak of epidemic propositions.

(c) The remedial steps taken by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to prevent any outbreak of water-borne diseases are:

1. Surveillance and monitoring.
2. Supply of safe drinking water.
3. Safe disposal of human excreta, garbage, refuse, etc.
4. Promotion of Oral Rehydration Therapy.
5. Strengthening of Health Education measures.

Setting up of Low Cost Centers for Treatment of Burns in the Country

2826. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up low-cost centres for treatment of burns in the cities and rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Setting up curative facilities in the cities